

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action mailed on October 29, 2008. Claims 1-11 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 7, and 9 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claims 1-11 have been amended. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

The disclosure stands objected to by the Examiner due to the specification not being properly labeled with section headings. The Applicants respectfully traverse this objection. Section headings are merely permissible and not mandatory (See 37 CFR 1.77(b); MPEP 608.01(a)). Furthermore, the Patent Office stated that it will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.77. See Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, September 18, 1996). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection to the specification should be withdrawn.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ohkubo et al. (U.S. Application No. 2003/0012195). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 9, as amended herein, recites, *inter alia*, as follows:

“...wherein an identity of a signal is retransmitted for further processing only if the dedicated mode was selected.” (emphasis added)

Ohkubo fails to disclose or suggest “...wherein an identity of a signal is retransmitted for further processing only if the dedicated mode was selected,” as recited in amended independent Claim 9.

In the present disclosure, a user has the option to select either a dedicated mode or a broadcast mode of transmission. If a dedicated mode is selected, then further processing is

enabled. If the broadcast mode is selected, then no further processing is permitted. Only the identification of the dedicated signal is transmitted for further processing (as clearly seen in FIG. 1). Ohkubo clearly does not make such a distinction between two operating modes.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) with respect to independent Claim 9 and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo in view of Rajahalme (U.S. Application No. 2003/0007499). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites, *inter alia*, as follows:

“...transmitting an indication of an identity of the further signal only for the further processing.” (emphasis added)

The applied combination of Ohkubo and Rajahalme fail to disclose or suggest “...transmitting an indication of an identity of the further signal only for the further processing” as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

In the present disclosure, a user has the option to select either a dedicated mode or a broadcast mode of transmission. If a dedicated mode is selected, then further processing is enabled. If the broadcast mode is selected, then no further processing is permitted. Only the identification of the dedicated signal is transmitted for further processing (as clearly seen in FIG. 1). The applied combination of Ohkubo and Rajahalme clearly does not make such a distinction between two operating modes.

Independent Claim 7 includes a similar limitations to those of Claim 1, and is allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to independent Claims 1 and 7 and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 2-6, and 8, are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claims 2-6 and 8, and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dependent Claim 11, is allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claim 9. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to dependent Claim 11, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo in view of Rajahalme and further in view of Dent et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,771,288). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent Claims 3, 4, and 10, are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to dependent Claims 3, 4, and 10, and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo in view of Rajahalme and further in view of Choi et al. (U.S. Application No. 2001/0053140). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent Claim 6 is allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claim 1. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the

rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to dependent Claim 6, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo in view of Dent. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

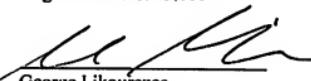
Dependent Claim 10 is allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claim 9. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to dependent Claim 10, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all Claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-11, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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